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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2877

Application No.: 09/481,503

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For: SURFACE INSPECTION METHOD, SURFACE INSPECTION APPARATUS, AND RECORDING MEDIUM AND DATA SIGNAL FOR PROVIDING SURFACE INSPECTION PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the March 8, 2002 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) A surface inspection method according to claim 1, wherein:

Q)
said plurality of inspection conditions are each set in conformance to an order of diffracted light corresponding to a specific pitch of the pattern on the test piece.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 6 is amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested. The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of claim 6 (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).